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Serial No.: 10/709,620

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For: A METHOD OF IONIZING A LIQUID PROPELLANT AND  
AN ELECTRIC THRUSTER IMPLEMENTING SUCH A METHOD

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**REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**  
**WITH SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT**  
**(37 C.F.R. § 1.111 AND § 1.146)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action marked "non-final" and dated June 30, 2005, Applicant hereby submits this Reply for his above-referenced Application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and § 1.146.